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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A method performed by a computer of designing an electronic device, comprising:

for at least one component of the device, evaluating ~~the~~ with the computer an opportunity for re-using an existing design for the component;

responsive to declining to reuse an existing design, creating with the computer a reusable design for the component; and

~~determining a value for the reusable design; and~~

responsive to a reuse transaction comprising the subsequent reuse of the reusable design, determining with the computer a compensation for ~~compensating~~ an innovator of the reusable design.

2 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 1, further comprising, responsive to the reuse transaction, ~~compensating~~ determining with the computer a consumer of the reusable design.

3 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 1, further comprising, responsive to the reuse transaction, ~~compensating~~ determining with the computer a compensation for a funding agent of the reusable design.

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4 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 3, wherein ~~compensating said determining~~ with the computer a compensation for the funding agent comprises ~~increasing~~ determining an increase in a head count of the funding agent's personnel agent.

5 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 1, wherein creating a reusable design comprises ~~incorporating~~ using the computer to incorporate a standard interface into the design.

6 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 1, wherein creating a reusable design comprises ~~incorporating~~ using the computer to incorporate performance features exceeding the performance requirements of the electronic device.

7-8 (canceled).

9 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 1, further comprising, responsive to identifying an existing design suitable for reuse, using the computer to incorporate ~~incorporating~~ the existing design into the electronic device and ~~compensating to determine a compensation for~~ the innovator of the existing design.

10 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 9, further comprising, ~~compensating~~ determining with the computer a compensation to a designer of the electronic device for reusing the existing ~~device~~ design.

11 (currently amended). A method performed by a computer of designing an electronic device, comprising:

for at least one component in the design of the device, determining whether any existing designs are suitable for use as the component,

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responsive to identifying a suitable existing design, incorporating the suitable existing design into the device;

determining a compensation for compensating the innovator of the suitable existing design; and

determining a compensation for compensating the consumer of the suitable existing design.

12 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 11, further comprising determining a compensation for compensating a funding agent of the ~~innovator~~ innovation.

13 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 11, further comprising determining a market value for the suitable existing design and wherein compensating the innovator and consumer comprises compensating the innovator and consumer based upon the ~~determined~~ market value.

14 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 11, further comprising:

responsive to declining to use an existing design, creating a reusable design for the component and

responsive to a reuse transaction comprising the reuse of the reusable design, compensating the innovator of the reusable design.

15 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 14, further comprising:
responsive to the reuse transaction, compensating the consumer of the reusable design.

16 (currently amended). The computer method of claim 15, further comprising responsive to the reuse transaction, compensating a funding agent of the ~~innovator~~ innovation.

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17-22 (canceled).

23 (new). A computer program product comprising instructions, stored on a computer readable medium for designing an electronic device, the instructions comprising:

instructions for evaluating a component of the design to determine whether to re-use an existing component;

instructions, responsive to determining not to re-use an existing design for:

incorporating at least one reusability feature into a new design;

rewarding an innovator of the new design upon subsequent reuse of the design; and

rewarding a future user of the new design; and

instructions, responsive to determining to reuse an existing design for:

rewarding the reuse of the existing design; and

rewarding an innovator of the existing design.